



COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Moscow Talks

Dr Adenauer may not return to Bonn from Moscow in triumph, but at least he will do so with honour unimpaired. If the West Germans expected the Chancellor to obtain major Soviet concessions without the slightest quid pro quo they will be disappointed at the outcome of the Moscow talks; but as this was never on the cards they can regard the result of the negotiations with a measure of satisfaction.

One of Dr Adenauer's chief objectives was to secure from the Russians an assurance that West German POWs and other subjects still held captive in the Soviet Union would be released. He has won that assurance at the cost of agreeing (subject to parliamentary approval) to the establishment of full diplomatic relations between West Germany and Russia. In some quarters the deal is seen as an achievement for the Soviets at the expense of Dr Adenauer—a somewhat odd conclusion to reach. At some time or another diplomatic relations between the Kremlin and the Bonn government had to be normalised. If there was any chance of making progress towards the all-important objective of the reunification of Germany. Moreover, Russia's willingness officially to recognise the existence of the West German government is not without importance.

THE original idea that Dr Adenauer should offer the Russian leaders a limited form of diplomatic recognition was never a realistic one and the prospects of its being accepted were extremely remote. The West has no reason to fear because Dr Adenauer has bowed to the wishes of the Kremlin and agreed to full diplomatic relations. The Chancellor throughout the discussions held firmly to his alliance with the Western powers and there is nothing to suggest that his position with them is compromised by the proposed new relations between Russia and West Germany. One interesting line of conjecture is what, if any, effect the Moscow agreement will have on the forthcoming Big Four talks which will deal with European problems. Some significance may be read into part of the final communiqué which declares that both West Germany and Russia "assumed" that the normalisation of relations "must help the solution of the principal national problem of the German people—the re-establishment of the unity of the German democratic state."

ONE possibility is that with diplomatic relations with the Bonn government normalised, the Russians will be willing to pay more sympathetic attention to the Big Three's proposals for reunification of Germany and security guarantees for Europe.

Dr Adenauer is fully committed to the West's concept of the solution to the reunification problem and it may be taken for granted that the German Chancellor said nothing in Moscow this week to lead the Soviets to believe that he is prepared to alter his position on this subject. There cannot be, nor will there be, any bilateral arrangement between Bonn and Moscow for reunification, and when the Big Four meet next month the Western powers will be speaking for Dr Adenauer on all matters which affect the future of Germany.

It is, therefore, conceivable that the real importance of this week's Moscow agreement will make itself apparent when the foreign ministers of the United States, Russia, Britain and France resume their European discussions in a few weeks' time.

RUSSIA TO FREE GERMAN POWs

Reported Deal In Moscow Talks BULGANIN AND ADENAUER IN THREE-POINT AGREEMENT

Moscow, Sept. 13.

West Germany and the Soviet Union agreed today to establish formal diplomatic relations and to exchange ambassadors.

The Soviet government told the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer that detained Germans still in the Soviet Union would be sent home, a German spokesman stated.

Today's agreement came on the fifth and last day of the Russian-West German negotiations.

A final communiqué issued after the last 4½-hour meeting between Dr Adenauer and Marshal Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, said agreement had been reached on

- (1) The establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries,
- (2) The setting up of embassies in Bonn and Moscow and
- (3) The exchange of ambassadors.

This was subject to approval by the West German Federal cabinet and Parliament as well as the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

In a letter to Dr Adenauer, Marshal Bulganin said "the Soviet Government expressed confidence that the establishment of diplomatic relations will contribute towards the development of mutual understanding and co-operation between the Soviet Union and the German Federal Republic in the interests of peace and security in Europe."

The Soviet Premier said the Soviet Government "is guided by the fact" that the establishment of normal relations "will contribute toward a solution of outstanding problems concerning the whole of Germany."

Soviet Press Chief

Elusive

It would therefore also contribute towards "a solution of the main common national problem of the German peoples—the establishment of a unified democratic German state."

Marshal Bulganin said the agreement to exchange ambassadors would enter into force "from the moment of its confirmation by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR."

Dr Adenauer sent an "analogous letter" to Marshal Bulganin according to the Soviet Press Chief Mr L. F. Ilyichev.

Both Delegations

'Satisfied'

Mr Ilyichev told reporters: "The negotiations ended successfully... today is a great day in the lives of the people of both the Soviet Union and Germany."

He said "This historic act" marked a further step towards easing international tension. A "great cornerstone" had been laid for good relations between

the people of Russia and Germany.

"It may be said that both delegations are satisfied with the outcome of the negotiations and consider them a step towards the establishment of mutual understanding towards a solution of the most complicated international questions," he said.

A German delegation spokesman told reporters that "comprehensive talks" had taken place on the question of Germans detained in the Soviet Union, a question "that moves every German family, thousands of families and even hundreds of thousands."

But the German delegation, he said, had "gained the certain feeling that in the near future these persons still detained in the Soviet Union will return home."

Asked if the number of prisoners to be freed was 9,000, the figure of war criminals given by Marshal Bulganin on Saturday the spokesman replied: "It was a higher figure."

The German delegation had made two juridical reservations in connection with the establishment of diplomatic relations. These were that:

Russians Did Not Approve

1. The final determination of German boundaries must be agreed to by the Federal Government and must be reserved for a peace treaty and
2. The claim of the Federal Government must represent the whole of Germany.

The spokesman said these two points made in a letter to the Soviet delegation did not meet with the approval of the Soviet Government, but that it was important to bring them to the attention of the Russian leaders.

The Soviet Government had not yet answered this letter but the spokesman said he thought an answer would be received shortly.

At the Soviet press conference Mr Ilyichev also disclosed that the two delegations had agreed that in the near future negotiations would be held between Russia and West Germany on the question of developing trade between the two countries.

Mr Ilyichev said Dr Adenauer "noted" the Soviet statements on displaced persons and bal-

loons sent from West Germany and promised to examine them later.

Replying to another question Mr Ilyichev said "so far as I can judge both sides maintained their point of view" on the question of recognition of East Germany.

There had been a "small meeting" of the two delegations after the end of the negotiations during which opinions were exchanged on the results of the talks.

'Relaxed & Friendly Talks Now'

Mr Ilyichev added that "at this very moment a relaxed and friendly discussion is going on between the two delegations."

The letters exchanged between the two heads of delegations were signed in the Spiridonovka Palace.

The two delegations sat on opposite sides of a long table surrounded by reporters, photographers and are lights.

Marshal Bulganin and Dr Adenauer both looked tired but satisfied. After they had signed Marshal Bulganin reached across to shake hands with the West German Chancellor.

He held Dr Adenauer's hand, staring straight into his eyes for at least ten seconds. As Marshal Bulganin, Mr Khrushchev, Mr Molotov and other Soviet delegates made their way through the crowd of reporters, they were smiling. They replied: "Thank You, friends, thank you!" in answer to reporters' congratulations.

No Invitation To Russians

Asked, "Did you agree?" Mr Khrushchev replied "yes, well." The German delegation also looked pleased.

The German spokesman answering questions said Dr Adenauer believed it would take about 14 days to secure West German parliamentary approval for the Moscow agreement.

Asked if Dr Adenauer extended an official invitation to the Soviet leaders to visit West Germany the spokesman said this was not officially raised but the Chancellor said it would be a pleasure to see the Soviet leaders in West Germany.—Reuter.

EAST GERMANY SHOCKED BY BULGANIN-ADENAUER PACT

Berlin, Sept. 13. The news tonight that the Soviet Union and West Germany had agreed to establish diplomatic relations struck East Berlin like a bolt of lightning.

Until the last moment and even after the East German Radio, Deutschlandsender, was violently castigating the "Western German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer. All today in East Berlin, and in West Berlin, there was little optimism about the outcome of the Soviet-West German talks.

A failure had been expected in East Berlin circles and the responsibility was to be laid on Dr Adenauer.

But East Germans learned with shock that the Russians had promised that convicted Ger-

mans held in the Soviet Union would be amnestied and liberated "in the near future."

"Where Grotewohl (the East German Premier) has failed, Adenauer has succeeded," was one reaction.

Since Dr Adenauer's arrival in Moscow, the East German leaders have been ill at ease. The reception given the West German Chancellor, the publicity given all the details of his trip, disturbed them greatly.

Despite the Soviet leaders' declarations that there were two Germanys which had to be accepted as "realities," the grandiose style of the reception given Dr Adenauer showed eloquently that in the eyes of the Soviet Union,

West Germany was far more important than East Germany.

Despite the almost general pessimism and consternation in East Berlin, one informed source in contact with the Soviet Embassy had earlier declared the conference would surely end in diplomatic relations between the two countries; not only the Soviet Union, but also the Western Powers waited it was felt. This did not prevent the Deutschlandsender from broadcasting the talk of a former German officer who charged that "Dr Adenauer's policy was merely one of hatred towards the Soviet Union.—France Press.

Central Figures In The Moscow Talks



DR ADENAUER



MARSHAL BULGANIN

'Worthwhile' Talks On Disarmament

New York, Sept. 13. The United Nations Disarmament Committee resumed its talks here today after a long weekend break with indications of some progress.

Mr Harold Stassen, a member of the United States delegation, told reporters after the five-power meeting "this was a session which was worthwhile."

"I think it was the most extensive give and take back and forth discussion of the inspection and control problem that we have so far had since Geneva," he said.

Asked if the session "narrowed some chasms" between the Western and Soviet points of view Mr Stassen said "I would not try to go beyond what I just said."

It was learned that today's session was mainly devoted to an elaboration by Mr Stassen of the Eisenhower plan for an exchange of military blueprints with the Soviet Union and system of mutual aerial and ground inspection.—Reuter.

Arms Cache Found In Casbah

Algiers, Sept. 13. Police hunting down the lair of a terrorist network secured the Casbah (the walled inner city) of Algiers and netted a haul of machine guns, pistols, revolvers, bombs, ammunition, explosives, daggers and documents, and made 16 arrests, it was disclosed today.

Since the discovery of a terrorist cell last August 24, Algiers police have been carrying out a methodical dragnet in the dark, narrow alleys of the Casbah.—France Press.

15 Feared Dead In Plane Crash

Fort Lamy, Sept. 13. Fifteen people are believed to have died in the crash of a giant French plane, a Latécoere 631 in the mountainous Ngazun region (French Cameroons), sometime between Sunday and today.

Reports reaching Fort Lamy stated that the remains of the aircraft were discovered today. The plane has been reported missing since Monday between Fort Lamy and Douala.—France Press.

AMBASSADORS RESUME MEETING TODAY

Chinese Eager To Discuss Item Two

Geneva, Sept. 13.

The topic at tomorrow's 15th secret meeting of the United States and Chinese Communist delegations at Geneva was still uncertain tonight.

The American Ambassador, Mr U. Alexis Johnson said today he had not yet made up his mind whether to pass on to item two of the agenda. This is "other practical matters at issue between the two sides."

Last Saturday, a joint declaration stated that both sides had reached agreement on the repatriation of civilians—down one of the agenda—and the Chinese announced a list of seven gaoled Americans and three under house arrest, who would be released through Hongkong "within the next few days."

A Chinese spokesman said then they considered this item concluded and that the next meeting would pass on to the second agenda item.

AMERICANS DIFFER

An American spokesman, however, said this was not the United States point of view. Mr Johnson, the spokesman said, would not consider the point as finally settled until the last of the 18 American civilians, still held in Communist Chinese jails, had been repatriated.

Apart from the joint declaration that said these Americans would be repatriated "expeditiously," Mr Wang Ping-nan, leader of the Chinese delegation, has given no indication as to when their release can be expected.

The joint announcement on Saturday made no mention of any time limit.

FURTHER PROOF

It is understood Mr Johnson might be prepared to move on to the second agenda item tomorrow providing the Chinese produce some further proof of their good intentions.

Mr Wang and the Peking Government are known to be anxious to proceed to this item, which is expected to include such topics as the possible relaxation of trade barriers erected against Peking during the Korean War, Communist China's entry into the United Nations and a possible ceasefire in the Formosa area.—Reuter.

Bandits' Big Haul In Burma Raid

Rangoon, Sept. 13. A Burmese Air Force flying officer was fatally wounded and an Italian Legion official was wounded last night during a raid by 25 bandits on the home of a wealthy bus co-operative president.

The bandits manhandled people in the house, including the President's wife, and made off with 20,000 kyats (about 2,170) worth of jewels and other valuables.

Air Force officer Thein Tun was killed by bandit look-outs who fired at passing cars on the highway leading into Rangoon. He was driving a Land Rover which was sprayed by bullets as he drove by.

Sanderson Nicolson, Italian Legation Counsellor, was wounded in the back and left leg as he drove past the look-outs in his own car. He was sent to hospital, but his condition is not serious.

The raid lasted for two hours. The people in the neighbourhood fled in terror.

The Burmese Home Minister, Bo Khin Maung, has personally taken charge of the investigation.—United Press.

THREE RESCUED IN ROUGH SEA OFF BLACKPOOL

Blackpool, Sept. 13. Hundreds of holidaymakers saw six people struggle in the rough sea at Blackpool, near the central pier, yesterday, a girl got cramp while bathing on the turn of the tide yesterday.

A woman paddling went to her help and got into difficulties and her husband, who could not swim, dashed into the waves fully clothed.

Then three young men threw off their clothes and even cut in bathing trunks. One woman was headed by lifeline on to the pier jetty while the swimmers got the others ashore with the aid of life lines hung from the pier.—China Mail Special.

Police Turn Hoses On Workers

Paris, Sept. 13.

Police used fire hoses and tear gas bombs to break up an attempt by construction workers to storm a locked factory in Nantes today.

No one was injured in the incident, the police reported. Nantes, an important Breton port and shipbuilding city, has been the centre of growing labour unrest for the past two months.

Representatives of the three major French unions are scheduled to see the Premier M. Edgar Faure in Paris today to discuss the tense labour situation in Nantes and neighbouring industrial centres.

The incident occurred when a thousand construction labourers locked out of the Bretagne Construction Works attacked one of the factory gates and pelted the police with rocks.

THEN TEAR GAS

The security forces first turned fire hoses on them, and then used tear gas grenades to break up the attack.

Union officials ordered the workers to withdraw from the factory and they marched in a body to the office of the Prefect to complain of the presence of "police garrisons" in the bolted factories.

Business was almost back to normal at Nantes today except for the several thousand construction and metallurgical workers who have been locked out.

Public transport and other works reopened after yesterday's 24-hour general sympathy strike, which paralysed business on Monday.—United Press.

Hurricane Hits Cuba

Miami, Sept. 13.

Hurricane Hilda, struck Eastern Cuba today with 50 mph winds threatening the big U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay.—United Press.

Train Driver Ignored Speed Limit: 17 Died

London, Sept. 13. An express train crashed killing 17 people and injuring many others because the driver ignored a speed limit, a railway official said today.

Lieutenant-Colonel G. R. E. Wilson, Chief Inspector of Railways, said the accident, which occurred on January 23, was due "solely to the complete disregard of the 30 miles an hour speed restriction."

In a report issued today the Inspector said the speed had operated throughout

Sutton Coldfield Station in Warwickshire where the accident occurred. The driver, 34-year-old Mr H. E. Allen, was among the dead.

"The excess of speed was too great to be accounted for by misjudgment," the report said. "It is indeed difficult to explain this extraordinary lapse on the part of a driver with such a long record of trustworthy service and who had an intimate knowledge of all the characteristics of the route." —China Mail Special.

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INDIA—BASTION AGAINST SWEEP OF

COMMUNISM IN ASIA

Approach To China Could Split The Red Camp



General Nye

Film Makers Took Over Part Of Paris

Paris, Sept. 13. AMERICAN film makers who without authorisation quietly turned a neighbourhood of central Paris into a 19th century scene by having many parked cars and condescending to the area to residents and strollers, received a chiding today from the Prefect of Police, M. Andre Dubois.

The Police Prefect, speaking at the Anglo-American Press Association, said he had ordered an investigation but had not yet decided what action he would take against producer Michael Todd of New York and Hollywood, who is filming Jules Verne's "Around the World in 80 Days."

Todd took over the fashionable Rue de Rivoli and Rue de Castiglione near the Place Vendôme, on Sunday, and sealed it tight. Hired gerricks carried off every car in sight and everything else that might look out of place in the 19th century.

In Costume

Then actors in costume, stage coaches, horse carriages and all the old-fashioned trappings took over as the cameras rolled.

M. Dubois declared: "It was all very unpleasant. They didn't even let people out of their houses. That's not nice. I will have to take measures—perhaps first of all against policemen who may have been lax in doing their duty."

M. Dubois added: "They claim they telephoned us and got an oral approval. I doubt it. We never give permission of that sort except in writing."

He concluded: "There was no reason to have laid siege to the whole neighbourhood."

M. Dubois said his information was that some 38 motor cars and not 400, as reported in some sections of the Paris press—had been hauled away by the Hollywood crews.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Geographical location (6).
 - Cook (5).
 - South coast town (8).
 - Method (6).
 - Beverage (6).
 - Small insect (6).
 - Fish (4).
 - Sheriff's escort (5).
 - Agree to (6).
 - Spins a coin (6).
 - Sly looks (5).
 - Cat sound (4).
 - Judges (5).
 - Heating (6).
 - Expelled (6).
 - Make reparation (5).
 - Spools (6).
 - Indigestible (6).

- DOWN
- Well-chosen (8).
 - Out of use (6).
 - Notion (4).
 - Navigating instrument (7).
 - Cookery instructions (7).
 - Outhouses (6).
 - Walked pompously (8).
 - Commonplace (8).
 - Avers (7).
 - Lectures (7).
 - Trial (6).
 - Doyle (6).
 - Animal cat (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Romaine, 5. Pests, 8. Ajar, 9. Speels, 11. Owner, 12. Rancid, 14. Cots, 19. Crowd, 18. Spree, 19. Poor, 20. Hurts, 24. Rains, 25. Mimosa, 26. Rains, 27. Steps, 28. Teases. Down: 1. Rump, 2. Seas, 3. Main, 4. Effects, 5. Produce, 6. Senator, 7. Strands, 10. Carve, 13. Assails, 14. Cramble, 15. Tethers, 17. Roam, 19. Permit, 21. Tins, 22. Rone, 23. Miss.

Admiral's Cap

Knocked Off SAILOR'S SENTENCE REDUCED

London, Sept. 13. A sentence of two years' imprisonment imposed by a court martial on Able Seaman James McSporn, 19, who knocked an Admiral's hat off last July, was today reduced to 12 months.

An Admiralty statement said the Board of Admiralty had decided on this after a review of the court martial proceedings, but not otherwise to interfere with the findings and sentence of the court.

The court had also dismissed McSporn from the Royal Navy.

At the court martial McSporn was stated to have rushed at Vice-Admiral J. W. M. Eaton, Flag Officer, commanding the British Reserve Fleet, on the deck of a warship and to have shaken and pushed him, knocking off his cap.

When the Admiral turned round he struck him several blows in the face.

Lieutenant P. J. Hamilton, "prisoner's friend" (defence officer) at the court martial, said he could only ascribe McSporn's action to a sudden impulse because he was overruled by watchkeeping and because of the heat of the day.—China Mail Special.

London, Sept. 13. British Railways are spending £45,000 on rebuilding parts of Wimbledon station, southwest London, damaged by bombs during the War.

Ten thousand people are estimated to use the station each day.—China Mail Special.

Despite recent disarmament negotiations with Russia, "I don't believe there has been any change of heart," he said. "Their long-range ambitions have not changed."

General Nye said the Communists, frustrated in the West, were concentrating on over-running Asia where the majority of countries believed in pacifism. He said Red China was spearheading the drive.

Doubtful

Asians think it is "gross discrimination, unfair and foolish of Western nations not recognising the existence of China by sending ambassadors to Peking," General Nye said.

"It is very doubtful if the Chinese still regard the Russians as their teachers," he said. "If we really set our hearts on detaching these two colossal we would meet with success. But if we continue as we have, we would drive them together."

General Nye, a distinguished general before becoming Governor of Madras in India in 1949, gave a thumbnail sketch of the state of Indian nations.

He said there was "very little doubt" that communism would spread to South Vietnam, and Burma was "in a state of complete political chaos" and faced bankruptcy.

"Siam is a country with no backbone whatever" and although it is against communism it is torn by internal disagreements, he continued.

Malaya, where there has been a Communist insurrection for more than seven years, has a population of about 50 per cent Chinese. The troops and police fighting the rebels have had "some success but no more than that."

India Stable

Indonesia "has not had a stable government" since it achieved independence. Ceylon was "relatively quiet" but Pakistan was "a country where nobody can be sure of what may happen in the future."

General Nye said India was the most stable country in Asia and "the one possible bastion against communism." If India failed to hold them, Communists would sweep through Asia and even down to Australia, he said.—United Press.

World Deaths

Decline 36 Per Cent

United Nations, N.Y., Sept. 13. The world death rate declined 36 per cent during the 16 years from 1938 to 1953, the UN reported today.

The birth rate dropped eight per cent during the same period. The statistics are based on reports to the UN Statistical Office from countries throughout the world, with a total population of 2,600,000,000.

Decreases in mortality were attributed to medical and pharmaceutical developments. The birth rate declined from 28 to 23.9 per 1,000 population, the report showed. Europe and Asia were responsible for the overall decrease.

Countries of Africa, North and South America, and Oceania recorded increases ranging from nine to 32 per cent.—United Press.

ALL-JET PILOTS

London, Sept. 13. A small group of RAF pilots will be "guinea pigs" in a new all-jet training experiment starting at No. 1 Flying Training School, RAF Cranwell, next week.

When they pass that they will become the first fully trained pilots in the Royal Air Force and the world who have never flown a propeller-driven aircraft.—China Mail Special.

Not 'Swapping'

Chinese

Washington, Sept. 13. The State Department denied today that the United States is "swapping" Chinese in the United States for Americans held in Red China.

The Department spokesman, Mr. Henry Byrd, made the statement after noting that a Los Angeles newspaper had suggested that such a "swapping" was taking place.

"It would be totally contrary to our principles to engage in swaps of individuals or groups of individuals," he said.

"The United States has not been engaged and is not now engaged in the swapping of human beings,"—United Press.

Still No Arms

CIGARETTES AND SOAP IN KATERINA

Colombo, Sept. 13. US officials today continued to guard the cargo of the Panamanian-flag ship Katerina, suspected of carrying arms and ammunition to Communist China, but found nothing but the cigarettes and soap her manifest listed.

The vessel's Greek captain, Vassil Kopolous, said he had never heard of the Panamanian law forbidding Panamanian vessels to call at Communist ports. He commented: "Possibly the Americans are disappointed they found soap instead of arms."

The captain said he would ask the US Government for compensation for delaying the vessel at Colombo. He said if the Panamanian Government insisted that he surrender his papers he would fly the flag of some other country. The Katerina is owned by a Greek firm which flies the flag of Panama.

Not The Cargo

John Esterling, Public Relations Officer for the United States Embassy, said it was not a question of what cargo the ship carried but a violation of the Panamanian law.

The Embassy maintains that the Katerina's registration has been cancelled for violating the law prohibiting Panamanian vessels to enter Communist ports but the Greek captain insisted it would have been impossible for him to have obtained clearance papers at Port Said and Aden if such papers had been served by the Panamanian authorities.—United Press.

'SHANTYTOWN' EVACUATED IN FLOOD

Tampico, Sept. 13. Firemen and policemen driving a fleet of special buses evacuated 900 families from Tampico's "shantytown" district today when the Pacific River surged out of its banks in the worst flood in 22 years.

There was no immediate report of casualties.

Torrential rains accompanying a small tropical storm killed 100 people and flooded the city last week.

Two other towns in the flooded area, Matamoros and Tampico, were flooded and heavy crop damage was reported elsewhere in the flood area.—United Press.



The Blyakawia, with the Bursa in the background, two Polish destroyers which have arrived at Portsmouth at the invitation of the British Government. It is the first official visit of Polish warships to this country since the war. — Express Photo.

FIRST SELF-RULE CABINET

Bey Of Tunis Starts Consultations

Tunis, Sept. 13.

The Bey of Tunis opened consultations tonight on the formation of Tunisia's first "self rule" Cabinet following the resignation of Premier Tahar ben Ammar.

At the same time, Salah ben Youssef, last of the important Neo-Destour (New Constitution) Party leaders to return from exile, was joyously acclaimed at the Tunis airport.

The Neo-Destour leader, Habib Bourguiba, declared: "We hope that now will commence the grand experience on which the Tunisian people have founded their hope of creating and building a sovereign and modern State."

In tacit recognition of the new status of the important North African state, France today named M. Roger Seydoux, a career diplomat, as Commissioner-General here. M. Seydoux follows a long line of French Residents-General.

Premier ben Ammar considered that his mission was completed when he brought the arduous self-rule negotiations to a successful conclusion last night and has now stepped aside to permit the Bey to form a new national government.

Cabinet Head?

Most observers believed that either the moderate Ben Ammar or Mongi Slim a member of his government would be asked to head the new Cabinet. This is the government which must buckle down to Tunisia's pressing economic and social problems after this exhilaration of home-rule fades.

But the observers believed the Bey would not decide until he had had an opportunity to confer with Bourguiba and Salah ben Youssef, the two most active leaders in the influential and powerful Neo-Destour Party.

Bourguiba ruled out candidature for the premiership in a statement to an influential French paper yesterday. Ben Youssef was received by the Bey shortly after his arrival here this afternoon.—United Press.

Negro Preacher Loses Job As Chaplain

Birmingham, Sept. 13. Dr. Marcus James, 32-year-old Jamaican Negro preacher, has lost his job as diocesan chaplain here, it was announced today.

A spokesman for the Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. J. L. Wilson, said the appointment had been cancelled because of the difficulty of providing a stipend and a house—but he admitted there were other difficulties.

Dr. James, great-grandson of a slave, and a graduate of Oxford University, took up the post in April—the first coloured priest to receive such an appointment in Britain.

One of his main tasks was to deal with the problems of heavily coloured people in Birmingham which already has a coloured population of nearly 10,000.

An outspoken opponent of race prejudice, Dr. James caused controversy last June when in a sermon at Westminster Abbey, he referred to South Africa as a "growing menace to world peace" and said it should be "checked and stopped" in its present course.

He was the first coloured man to preach there and in St. Paul's Cathedral, London.—China Mail Special.

FIRST POLISH WARSHIPS TO VISIT BRITAIN

Fusilier

On Murder Charge

Nairobi, Sept. 13.

Fusilier Leo Hoyle, 25, of the First Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers, was committed for trial at Ankur today before the Kenya Supreme Court on a charge of murdering a Kikuyu woman.

Hoyle, a married man with one child, was alleged to have strangled Wangche Kuria in a hut at Naivasha, 40 miles from here, in the early hours of July 2.

Hoyle reserved his defence.

At yesterday's hearing, Captain David Yates, the Battalion's medical officer, said Hoyle told him he did not know why he killed the woman, but he felt sorry for her.

He added that Hoyle told him he killed the woman shortly after having intercourse with her.—China Mail Special.

Russia Wants Her Citizens Back

London, Sept. 13.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin's statement at today's closing talks with West German leaders was broadcast by Moscow radio as follows:

"Many hundreds of thousands of peaceful Soviet citizens were forcibly directed to Germany during the last war by the Hitlerite army from the territories of the Soviet Union it temporarily occupied."

"Many of the Soviet men perished in compulsory labour camps in Germany."

"After the defeat of the Hitlerite army, the majority of the captured Soviet citizens returned home."

"But not a small number were retained, mainly in Western Germany."

"According to existing information, on the territory of the German Federal Republic there remain over 100,000 such Soviet citizens. In many cases described as being without nationality."

Force Used

"The majority of these unhappy people, separated by force from their homeland and their families, have no permanent occupation, residence or means of subsistence. They suffer from serious privations and destitution."

"They remain in foreign lands as dependent men without rights."

"Many cases are also known to us of displaced Soviet citizens who do not accept their lot being forced on the territory of the German Federal Republic."

"Certain organisations hostile to the Soviet Union, supported by the relevant authorities, are waging spiteful propaganda and inciting repatriation, frightening and terrorising those who wish to return home."

"At the same time inadmissible attempts to make use of these persons for politically criminal purposes are continuing."

"We consider that position which has arisen in the German Federal Republic in connection with displaced Soviet citizens is abnormal and opposes the principles of humanity and of freedom of the individual."

"The Soviet Government considers it a duty to take up the defence of these Soviet citizens who in certain cases have behaved against their country."

Mr. Molotov Objects To Balloons

London, Sept. 13. THE text of Mr. Molotov's statement at today's conference with West German leaders, as quoted by Moscow Radio, reads: "According to reports by Soviet airmen flying both on internal and on international lines, there are uncontrolled flights of large balloons with loads attached to them."

"Investigations of balloons picked up on the territory of the Soviet Union show that the weight of the loads attached reached up to 800 kilograms (800 lbs). It is known that such balloons are released from the territory of Western Germany with the aim of spreading in the Soviet Union and in a number of other European countries gossamer and propaganda literature hostile to those states."

From Germany

"According to the findings of competent Soviet aviation experts such balloons are dangerous to air transport. Flying at various times of day and night, at different heights and in various directions, the balloons endanger the lives of passengers and crews of aircraft flying on both internal and on international lines."

"According to information at hand these balloons are released from the territory of Western Germany by American organisations. This was openly stated on August 10 by the American radio station in Munich, saying that a large number of such balloons had been released on August 15 by the American organisation Crusade for Freedom."

"Drawing the attention of the Federal Government to the above, the Soviet Government expects that the necessary measures will be taken in the German Federal Republic for the cessation of these activities and for the elimination of the danger created by the balloons to aircraft flying on the internal lines of the Soviet Union and on international lines over the territories of the USSR, and a number of European states."—China Mail Special.

Justice Douglas Returns

New York, Sept. 13.

The United States Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who returned here today from a six-week tour of the Soviet Union, said that the Soviet people feel a sincere friendship toward Americans.

Mr. Douglas said on his arrival by plane that he tried to talk to ordinary people throughout his tour. He said the Soviet people were very hospitable and very curious about everything concerning America.—France-Press.

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 13.

A 20-year-old green-eyed blonde, who underwent plastic surgery recently for a disfiguring face cut received in a car accident, won the "National College Queen" title here.

Miss Kathryn Rodgers beat 26 other contestants for the award and \$5,000 (\$1,785) in scholarship and prizes.—China Mail Special.

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by
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CHRISTOPHER SYKES is the author of *Four Studies in Loyalty*, *Two Songs of a Shirt*. He has also been effective in diplomacy, journalism and the B.B.C. Sykes was born in 1907, the second son of the late Sir Mark Sykes. He is married (one son) and lives in Dorset.

SIR MAX BEERBOHM once said that people rarely look like themselves. It is a great truth: the man of genius can have the stare of an imbecile; a total fool can have a noble presence. My story concerns the fact that a famous murderer of our time did not look in the least like himself, but like a high-minded scholar. He was at the top of his profession, having made away with at least six people in circumstances of indescribable brutality.

I will call him Froyle. He was the subject of a nationwide search at the time I speak of, and photographs in the newspapers had made everyone familiar with his lofty forehead, piercing gaze and finely chiselled mouth. I must not excite too much interest in Froyle, however, because he is not the hero of my story. That part is played by my friend Gregory James, a high-minded scholar who provided an exception to the rule that people do not look like themselves. He looked exactly like a high-minded scholar.

Fiery temper

He is the greatest living expert on the Eastern Roman Empire and he finds relaxation from his austere studies in cooking. He admires the ancient dishes of our country and specialises in black puddings, goose pie, and ultra-British things of that kind. He is a man of fiery temper, always ready for a scrap with people who disagree with him about

Byzantine art or Yorkshire butter. He is a passionate individualist, a new-style Tory, anti-State, pro-free-enterprise man.

One Saturday he and I had planned to go away to spend the week-end with some friends, and it had been agreed that he would cook dinner on the night of our arrival. I reached Paddington Station before him, and got two window seats. Presently I saw Gregory walking up the platform, hatless as always, and carrying a small suitcase and a large round package done up in newspaper. I noticed to my surprise that he was not walking alone; he was part of a group. As though leading a procession, he was walking a little ahead of an official-looking man in plain clothes and regulation boots, and two policemen in uniform. The four of them were all walking through the crowd together, as one with a rhythmic crunch. I was about to wave to him when a lady asked me to help her to put her suitcase on the rack, and, unfortunately for Gregory, but fortunately for the story, I responded to this appeal to my higher self.

An argument

I stepped back into the compartment with the result that Gregory walked by it without seeing me, and walked on with his retinue to a compartment higher up the train. Then when I had fixed the lady's suitcase I found that the platform to find my friend. To my surprise I found that he was the centre of an argument with the police. A better man than I would have bargued into the argument and taken Gregory's side and strengthened him in his ordeal, but, knowing my Gregory, something told me that it might be fun to see what was happening before he got to the train.

It was an appeal to my lower self and I responded to that too. I stood at the edge of the little crowd.

Gregory was addressing one of the uniformed policemen. He is a passionate individualist who has an unreasoning hostility towards the forces of law and order and repression. "Yes?" he was saying irritably, quarrelsomely. "Yes? You say you want to talk to me. All right. Talk away. What do you want to talk about?" He had put his suitcase inside but was still holding his parcel.

"I would like to see your identity card," said the policeman, for these things happened in the days of identity cards. Gregory had his on him. Any one else would have produced the thing, and the story would have come to a lame end. But Gregory, being who he was, saw the policeman's request as an

THE MYSTERY PARCEL

DID IT HAPPEN?

Another story to keep you guessing.
The answer will be given tomorrow



"I saw Gregory clutch at his pockets and then run, run, run like a panic-stricken madman."

"encroachment upon human freedom, as a nail in the coffin of liberty, and part of the abolition of man. He drew himself up haughtily and said: 'Why do you wish to see my identity card?'"

'Arrest me'

Then I understood what was happening, and I owed my understanding to the poster of a weekly magazine on the book-stall, for on it there was printed a ghastly enlarged photograph of Froyle. It was clear from the whispering in the crowd which was growing round the door of the carriage that others besides me had noticed the resemblance of brow, eye, and finely chiselled mouth. But none of this was understood by Gregory. (It is another great truth that in spite of the invention of mirrors and photography people don't usually know what they look like.)

"I am not obliged," said the policeman, "to tell you my reasons."

"Then I," shouted Gregory, "am not obliged to pander to your fatuous inquisitiveness. If you like to arrest me, and overpower me, you may possibly succeed in dragging my identity card out of my pocket, but you'll have to do it by force, by heaven, for I warn you that

you are not going to have the pleasure of seeing me surrendering my hard-won liberties under the law just to satisfy your whim!"

As he spoke he shook the parcel, and the effect of this was to derange the contents, and the newspaper became discoloured a ghastly red. An elderly lady fainting. The policeman pulled out his pocket book.

"May I have your name, please?" he said.

"James."

This was unexpected. The policeman exchanged a glance with the plain-clothes officer. "May I have your second name?" he said.

"What do you mean, my second name? I don't go about with an assortment of names. I've told you my name, James. Do you hear? It is my name, James! James! James! I have no 'second name'."

"I took James to be your personal or first or 'Christian' name. I take it that James is in fact your second name."

Human rights

"You have that kind of sub-human official mind," screamed Gregory, "which cannot understand any simple statement; you persist in disbelieving me. I shall call the—I shall have the matter raised in Parliament, and I will see that you are ruined!"

By this time the crowd around the carriage door had grown to be large. Gregory began to address them on human rights, always making his points by shaking the parcel, thus further deranging the contents. The plain-clothes officer stopped forward and murmured privately to his colleague.

The investigation, he was probably saying, had better be continued by stealth on the train, and for the moment it was better to break it off so as to avoid an uproar. The police withdrew to watch from a distance.

"And there you see," Gregory wound up his address to the crowd, as the great blue figures walked off, "that if you stand up

for your rights, the police will leave you alone. You must never 'appeal' tyrants, that is the point. You must stand up to them and remember that you are not just so many numbers to be pushed around like counters."

And with eyes blazing with righteous indignation, he turned back to his compartment, where he looked for somewhere to put his parcel, which by this time was becoming a very highly coloured and sticky, and really needed fresh paper.

Dense crowd

I was trying hard to get to him now, but found I could not get through the crowd which had grown dense. I waved to him, but he did not see me. I decided to join him later on the train. The two policemen were still watching him, but the plain-clothes man had vanished from sight, perhaps because he was on the train. It was now less than a minute before departure time. And then to my amazement I saw Gregory clutch at his pockets—and then run, run like the eternal fugitive from justice, while the station broke into pandemonium.

A frightful thought seized me that my friend really was the murderer, as I watched him run with the rapidity of terror, incredibly fast, the whole length of the platform while whistles blew in their hundreds and powerful blue arms signalled. I can only suppose that, by pre-arranged plan, ambush posts were taken up at all ways out of the station, for Gregory was not stopped. He ran, he slid, he came to a halt at the tobacco kiosk. As he stood there, a packet of 20 cigarettes, and then ran, not as officially expected, out, but back, to his compartment.

Great delicacy

I think that at the spectacle of him doing so the police recognised that Gregory was not a murderer, but a man of unusual impulsiveness. We saw no more signs of an official chase.

When I joined Gregory the whole incident seemed to have passed from his mind, but it was clear from their looks that the suspicions of our fellow travellers had not yet been allayed, nor were they until the plain-clothes officer, several miles and Gregory was giving a vigorous lecture on the delights of British cooking. He referred to his horrible, blood-stained parcel in the course of the harangue and enlarged on the pleasures of well-prepared sheep's head, a dish, he said, which is abominably despised by some fools, but is nevertheless a great delicacy.

He said that he had, by luck, been able to obtain an admirable sheep's head, which he would cook that night. He said he had bought it from a very good butcher near the station, but that, unfortunately, what with the hurry, there had been no time to pack it properly in a waterproof covering, and so he had been obliged to take it away wrapped up in his evening newspaper.

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DID IT REALLY HAPPEN?

YES NO

Put your tick in the space above and keep this panel by you until tomorrow when the answer will be given—with another story.

Jim Phelan

Did yesterday's story—the 'Mystery Parcel'—happen? The answer is NO.

Smokers Are Feeling The Pinch—Of Snuff

By J. W. TAYLOR

THE recent scare linking smoking with lung cancer, plus the high cost of tobacco and cigarettes, have rocketed the sale of snuff in Britain, where the habit has been steadily growing in popularity since 1939.

This 18th century fad, which had gradually fallen into neglect, now gives a useful boost to the country's export earnings, for a parallel snuff revival is occurring in many other parts of the world.

In many parts of Britain, snuffing is almost as firmly established as it was in its heyday between the reigns of Queen Anne and King George IV. Many men are taking it up because it is more economical than tobacco smoking and, they say, just as satisfying.

There are not alone in their addiction. Almost all many women are taking snuff, as were indulging in the habit in the 18th and 19th centuries. A supply of snuff goes regularly by air mail each month to Gracie Fields at Coppi, one of the faithful band of 'sniffers' amongst the actresses, singers and society women, leading the devotees of their sex.

Prominent male addicts are Sir Winston Churchill, Gilbert



IF GUY FAWKES HAD LIVED IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY BRITAIN...
London Express Service

News and Gossip

THE man who always spends his holidays here was on the seat opposite the Sea Nest where I read my newspapers in fine summer weather.

"Cheer up," he said when he saw me. "It may never happen."

The man had made this same remark to me on a certain day in August over since 1939. It was intended as a reproach and a criticism of the sour expression I assumed unconsciously whenever I saw him.

It was also his first shot in a non-stop monologue which would continue for two weeks unless I hid myself behind shut windows and locked doors.

I knew that, unless it rained, the man would be on the seat every morning at 9 a.m. for 14 days. Later on he would be in my favourite seat in my favourite tavern. I remembered that when there was a shortage of tobacco he was in my favourite tobacconist's trying to buy up my favourite cigarettes.

"I can't think why you look so miserable living in a place like this," the man said. "The sea always in front of you. Ozone in your lungs day and night if you keep your windows open. Why, you ought to be as happy as a sandboy and as fit as a flea."

I told him the local doctors were usually kept busy, particularly in August.

"I don't know anything about that," said the man, "but I know I feel different as soon as I step out of the train. A couple of lungfuls of this air and I'm starving. Do you know what I had for breakfast?"

Before I could say I didn't care he told me.

'Boy Too Clever'

"CEREALS and milk," he said. "Two eggs and two rashers, fried bread and potatoes, and six slices of toast and marmalade. What do you think of that?"

As I didn't know what to think I made no reply.

"And do you know," said the man, "I could eat it all over again. Every single crumb. And so could the wife and so could the boy. I expect you remember the wife and the boy?"

Visitors to seaside places always expect residents to remember their wives and children out of hundreds all looking much the same.

"Of course the wife's better than the boy," said the man. "Wandering what I was happened to her. I said I was glad. Three hours under an anaesthetic doesn't do you

any good," said the man. "The wife being on the big side, it took a bit of time to have a look-see at her tummy, but when you have the best men in the country on the job you know you're all right. I expect you could guess their names if you tried."

Visualising an operation on some of the enormous women visitors I had seen in these parts, I could only think of Dornan, Long, and Vickers-Armstrongs, but said nothing.

"And as for the boy," said the man, "I don't suppose you'd know him since last year. Eat? He eats everything in sight. And grow! I'll swear he's grown an inch since yesterday. But it's his brain that worries me."

Fearing the child might be mad I thought a comment would be tactics.

"The trouble with that boy," said the man, "is that he's too clever. In fact, his school-teacher says it's frightening the things he knows, and I'm worried he may burn himself out before he's 12. But, then, genius will out, and you never know what they're going to do. That boy might be a genius, or even a Prime Minister. Wouldn't it be funny if it turned out to be the father of a future Prime Minister of England?"

I said it would.

"I'll trouble you to leave my boy alone," said the man. "I promise," I said, delighted. I wouldn't have to meet the little pest. At my promise not to tell anybody about me, it's a small town and you know what small towns are like.

"I'd never do a thing like that," said the man. "You've sinned and you've paid. No man should have a pay twice."

"I don't mean like you," I said. "The world would be a better place."

"Well," said the man, "I expect you've retired now."

"Except for the odd spot of blackmail," I said. "But even that game's almost up. They go straight to the police. I suppose you wouldn't be interested in an investment?"

"No thanks," said the man. "It's a diamond mine." I said, "In South Africa. You can get the shares now at five pence. In a year or two they'll be worth 25s. I wouldn't let every body into this, but as you've been so decent about everything I'll give you the chance. If you there want to see me, as I was 21. We got away with 25,000, but after the share-out there wasn't much for me, as I was the only one who'd been in the bank and was caught after a running gun fight with the police."

"You're fighting the police?" said the man. "You're a fool. As if you could fight, pussy."

"Perhaps not," I said. "But you make a lot of difference

to a man. And so does Dartmoor."

"You've been in Dartmoor?" asked the man, edging away from me.

"Twelve years altogether," I said. "But I was lucky. I didn't get a life after I caught the old tobaccoist. It was fortunate there was nothing much in the till. Four shillings and sevenpence halfpenny to be exact."

'Give You Chance'

"WHAT are you doing for a living now?" asked the man, moving to the far corner of the seat.

"Well," I said, "an old lag can't get respectable employment. Society doesn't forgive easily. But for some years I made a packet as a con man. When Australian farmers, visiting London, were simpler than they are now I sold them gold bricks. An old trick but it worked at the time. I even sold non-existent diamond mines in South Africa to South Africans. In fact, my boy, I was very clever at school and much too clever when I grew up."

"There's nothing like 'What about my boy,' said the man. "Perhaps not," I said. "But you never know. I could teach him one or two things."

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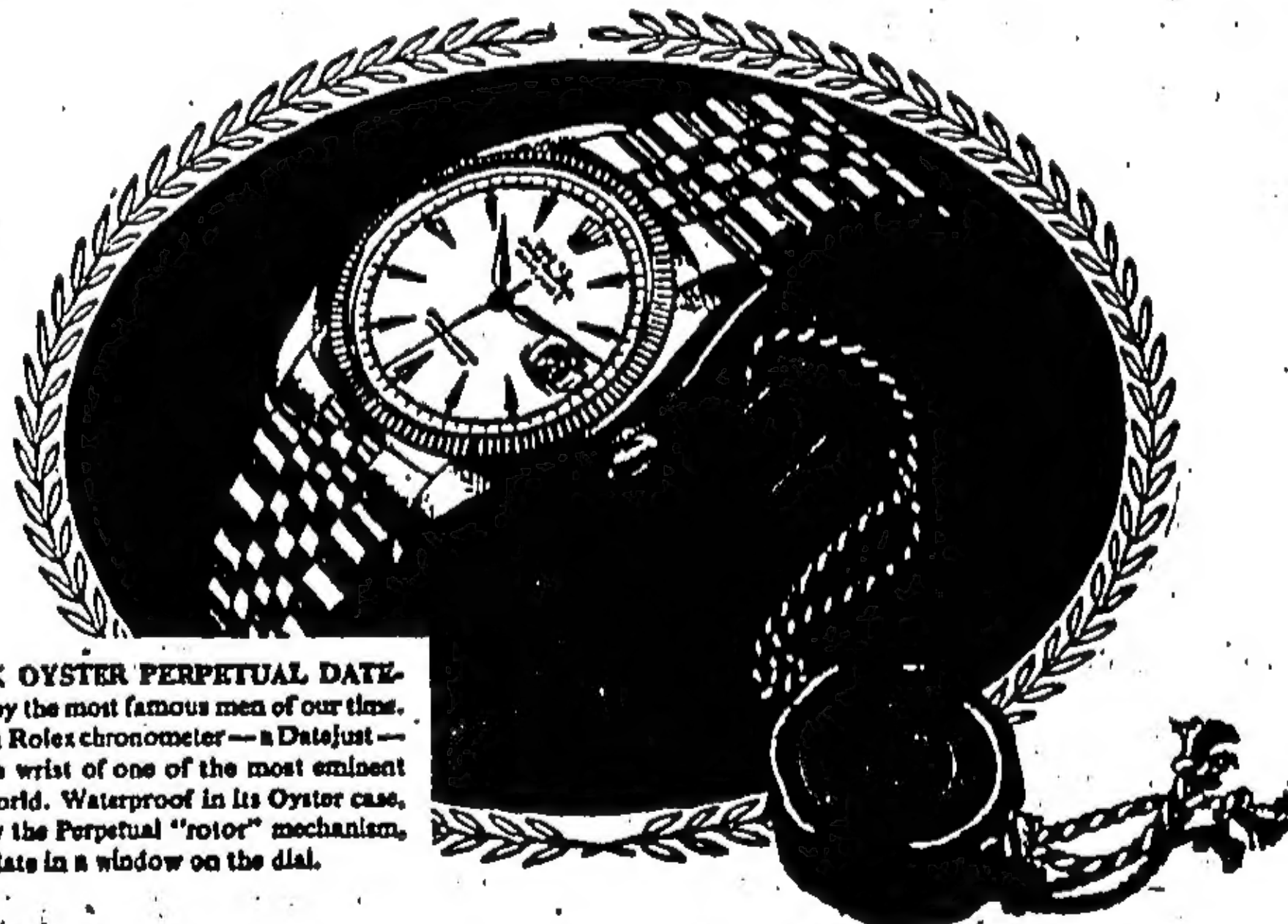
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IT TOOK NINO VALDES ONLY NINE MINUTES TO DISPOSE OF COCKELL

By VERNON MORGAN

White City, London, Sept. 13.

Nino Valdes of Cuba took only nine minutes to dispose of Don Cockell (Britain) in their World Heavyweight title fight eliminator here tonight, the referee stopping the contest at the end of the third round owing to the condition of Cockell's left eye.

The British and Empire Heavyweight Champion's left eye was streaming blood at the end of the third round and referee Captain Charles Davidson had no hesitation in promptly stopping the contest and awarding the fight to the Cuban.

Valdes is now in direct line for a fight with Rocky Marciano for the world title.

Cockell was over half a stone heavier than when he fought Marciano in San Francisco and had a nine pound weight advantage over his rival. The

Cuban had the advantage of height and reach.

Valdes as usual had a white stripe down his scarlet truss and looked supremely confident at the start. Cockell was smiling.

LONG LEFTS

There was little in the opening round with both men clinching in mid-ring. Valdes tried some long lefts to Cockell's face but they fell short. The Sturdy Briton concentrated on the Cuban's body. Valdes was warned for holding near the end of the round which the referee probably gave to the Briton though there was little in it.

Cockell hit the Cuban very low with a left early in the second round and immediately apologized. Valdes was neither hurt nor annoyed but a few seconds later opened up a vicious two-handed attack on Cockell's face. A short right and left landed and Cockell winced. Cockell had to be told not to hold after some in-fighting in which the Briton was only too glad to keep away from the Cuban's powerful punches.

Gutierrez Shield Draw And Finals Dates

Following is the draw for the preliminary round of the Gutierrez Shield Lawns Bowls International Tournament which will be played on Saturday, September 17 at the KBGC commencing at 3.30 p.m.: China "A" v Wales; Philippines "A" v Ireland; Portugal "A" v India; China "B" v Switzerland; Philippines "B" v Pakistan; Portugal v Persia.

Following are the amended dates and venue of the Colony Open Lawn Bowls Championships.

Open Singles Final: M. B. Hassan (IRC) v E. J. Liddell (KBGC) at Talkoo Club on Sunday, September 18. Official marker: Mr. T. H. Kinniburgh and Umpire, Mr. R. B. Marshall.

Open Pairs Final: J. A. da Luz and R. F. da Luz (Recrolo) v C. C. Ma and A. H. Seem (CCC) at KBGC on Sunday, September 25. Umpire, Mr. J. Tindall.

Open Triples Final: C. K. Sun, C. C. Ma and A. H. Seem (CCC) v G. H. H. Choy, F. O. Mader and S. Leonard (CCC) at Talkoo Club on Sunday, September 18. Umpire, Mr. R. B. Marshall.

Open Rinkas Final: A. V. Lopes, R. G. Laurel, E. R. Rosset and C. R. Rosset (CCC) v L. Silva, G. Santos, R. Tay and P. K. Lau (CCC) at KBGC on Sunday, September 25. Official umpire, Mr. J. McKelvie. All the above matches to commence at 4 p.m.

The proposed date and venue for this year's Aitkenhead Shield match will be at the Kowloon Bowling Green on Saturday, October 15 commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Turners displayed the skill and gameness which carried him to two U.S. and one British Amateur Championships almost a decade ago to rub out the favoured Sweeney, of Texas, here today.

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LRC TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Mrs Mary Chow, favourite for this year's Colony Ladies' Singles Tennis crown, beat Miss Diana Madgett in two straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, in their singles encounter at the LRC yesterday. The following were the results of yesterday's games:

Colony Ladies' Doubles (semi-finals): Mrs Fowler and Mrs Chiu beat Mrs Spooner and Mrs Andrews (walk-over).

Colony Ladies' Singles: Mrs Chow beat Miss Madgett, 6-3, 6-2.

Quarter Finals: Mrs. P. Perrell beat Mrs. Malden, 6-0, 6-4; Mrs. Pustelli beat Mrs. G. Lo, 7-5, 6-3.

Colony Mixed Doubles: M. Heenan and Mrs. Rawlings beat F. Stuckey and Mrs. Reid, 6-3, 6-4.

Club Mixed Doubles: G. B. Smart and Mrs. Scholes beat Mr. and Mrs. Green, 6-3, 6-3; Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong beat C. Nanning and Miss Zewald, 6-1, 6-0.

TODAY'S GAMES

(at 3.30 p.m.) Colony Mixed Doubles (semi-final): Court 4: Winner of Choy Tin-kin and Mrs. G. Lo and W. P. Tait and Mrs. Y. Tait v K. H. Ip and Miss U. Khoo.

Colony Ladies' Doubles (semi-final): Court 6: Mrs. Chow and Mrs. Pustelli v Mrs. Perrell and Mrs. Smith or Mrs. G. Lo and W. P. Tait and Mrs. Y. Tait.

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NOT A WASTED JOURNEY



Nino Valdes of Cuba (right) beat Don Cockell by a TKO in the third round of their 10-round World Heavyweight eliminator fight at London's White City last night. With Valdes in this picture is his manager, Bobby Gleason. —Central Press Photo.

Railway Level Crossing Puts Paddy Bouch Out Of First Place

Says "N'TACA"

Time Trialling does not usually have any of the atmosphere of excitement and drama common to the Massed Start Race, but Sunday's 25 miles event, organised by the Pegasus CC, was an exception.

Paddy Bouch, the lanky 7 Hussars boy, had a lead of 12 seconds over Pegasus' Ron Beck when they turned at 12½ miles. At the Fanling level crossing, the traditional "Luck of the Irish" deserted him, and he was held up by a passing train, losing nearly half a minute.

As Beck flashed over the finishing line in a time of 1-3-44, Bouch could be seen on the long straight road, coming up fast. Urged on by cheering supporters, he put all he had into a long final sprint, only to be 12 seconds down. Whether or not he could have again beaten Beck with a clear run, no one can say. But his win in the recent "50", when he finished a minute up on Beck, leads one to think that there will be some mighty battles between these two in the next few weeks.

Third man, nearly seven minutes slower, was the SCAA "Flyer", Au Cheung Sing, who led his team to second placing, 12 minutes down on the 7 Hussars lads.

Times were slow all round, and could have been due to the heat, the new course, or both. REME CC suffered the indignity of being pushed down to third place in the team race with the Exiles CC fourth another seven minutes behind.

The event made no major changes in "SCMP" Cup table, but brought the SCAA team level with REME CC in the Team Championship, both having seven points.

Next Sunday's race is the Pegasus CC 37 miles Circuit event. Held over 15 laps of 3½ miles circuit, the race should prove a good thing for Wilkinson, who shines in this type of contest, while the team battle will be fierce, with the 7 Hussars as strong favourites to win the "Pegasus" Cup from last year's holders, REME CC.

Although the circuit contains no hills, the five acute corners on each lap should help to sort out the unfit and the unskilful. It looks as though it will be a really exciting race. It will certainly be a tough one.

Ray Booty has made BBAR almost a certainty with his near-record win in the National Championship 12 hours event. Covering 264 miles and 391 laps, he beat his nearest rival by almost four miles, pushing up his record average to just a fraction under the 24 mph mark. There are only three weeks to go, and with Gibbons

not trying any more "12s", it looks as though all the competition will be for the minor placings. Paul Baulch is at present in third position, but he is close-pressed by at least a dozen others.

The Women's BBAR contest has a new leader, Daisy Franks taking the first place by virtue of her 1-3-30 record "25", which gives her an average speed over the three distances of 22.403 mph. Mary Dawson, (22.405) and Millie Robinson (22.310) are her nearest challengers.

Mary Dawson won the Ladies' Championship "100" in the time of 4-38-15, beating Millie Robinson by 2 minutes, but not improving her BAR average. I was pleased to see that a member of my own club, Doreen Newton (Spartan), rode her first "100" in this event, to take third place in 4-49-30, just a minute faster than my own first attempt at the distance.

The use of artificial stimulants in athletic events has often aroused storms of protest, usually from the losers. The NCU has for a number of years waged a campaign against the practice of "Doping" in international races, but without very much success until the scandal of the Tour de France, when at least one rider collapsed through an overdose.

The matter will now be taken up by the UCI and a thorough investigation made. It will not be an easy matter, as there appears to be no definite definition of what constitutes a "Dope". Would the use of large doses of Glucose or Sucrose be considered an offence?

Or would they be called "Food's"? Or doses of oxygen, a la some football teams? Maybe the shot of brandy taken just before a final sprint would also be banned. None of these stimulants seems to be taken in Hongkong cycling circles, but there is always a first time.

The NCU are to be congratulated on their attempt to remove this black mark from the face of international "Sport". Let us hope that the action results from the capitulations of the UCI. "Doping" is an unsavoury business, striking as it does at the heart of true sportsmanship. Perhaps it is merely another manifestation of the "Win at any price" spirit.

For those not yet in the know, Racing jerseys, shorts and mitts, as well as Tubular Tyres, are now available in the NAAFI Sports Shop, Kowloon. And it only took two years to get them there.

This week GEORGE ROUGHTON resigned as manager of Southampton Football Club. Here he tells his own story in an interview with Bob Pennington. He says:

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF FOOTBALL

I am getting out of football — I've had enough. Why should I, at the age of 45, leave the game I have loved . . . the game that has given me a living since I joined Huddersfield as a full-back as long ago as 1927?

It's not easy to make such a decision or give all the facts. I talked it over with my wife, Hilda, and 18-year-old daughter, Hilary, for some weeks before I was certain I was doing the right thing.

Like Andy Beattie, who resigned as manager of Huddersfield Town recently, I believe the job of running a football club is no longer worth the mental and physical strain involved.

For the last two years of my three years as manager of Southampton, my health has steadily deteriorated.

Yes, I have ulcers, the occupational disease of football managers. Mentally too I'm afraid I have been taking it out on the family. I've been snapping for the most silly reasons.

Worry makes anyone bad tempered, but there's a limit to what a wife and daughter are prepared to take or should be asked to accept because a man's job is making his life a misery.

There's never any break in the tension, whether you are winning or losing.

No wonder there have been tragic cases of managers losing their health. It's a wonder there are not more.

I don't want to be always taut and cold-hearted. Yet that is the way of it now.

Although my relations with the Southampton board were generally happy there was an element who thought the club should be got back into the Second Division.

The atmosphere lately, although not strained, has not quite been 100 per cent.

There are few managers who have the luck to get by without board worries.

I have wished my successor Ted Bates, the old Southampton player, who is taking over as team manager, the best of luck. He will need it. So will the majority of other managers.

BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, Sept. 12. Major league baseball results today were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Detroit	6	5	1
New York	8	9	0
Miller, Gromek (4), Marlowes (7) and House, Turley (16-18) and Berry, 12—Miller (0-1), HR—Bauer (18th).			
Kansas City	6	10	2
Boston	6	13	0
Raschi, Gray (5), Shantz (7), Gorman (10) and Astorini; Nixon, Hurd (8), Kinder (10) and White, WP—Gorman (7-8), LP—Kinder (5-4).			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Kansas City	6	11	0
Boston	7	9	4
Fortacawere, Keriazakos (5), Harrington (8) and Shantz; Lauman, Brewer (8), Drodowski (9), Kieley (9) and Daley, WP—Brewer (11-10), LP—Keriazakos (0-1), HR—Piersall (13th) Throneberry (6th).			
Philadelphia	10	15	2
Chicago	0	0	1
Dickson (12-10) and Lopata; Jones, Jeffcoat (5), Tremel (8), Davis (7), Kaiser (8) and Chitt, LP—Jones (13-10), HR—Green-Grass (12th)—United Press.			

BADMINTON INTERPORT AGREED ON

An interport badminton match between Hongkong and Thailand in Hongkong, scheduled in November, was accepted in principle by the First Executive Committee Meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association for the 1955-56 season at Marina House yesterday.

During the meeting, Dr the Hon. A. M. Rodrigues, President of the Association, read to the meeting a letter from the Thailand Badminton Association proposing an interport match in November. The letter said that the TBA proposed to send a contingent of four men, two women and two officials to the Colony.

The TBA would pay for the passage of the team to and from Hongkong, but they asked the HKBA to pay for their two weeks stay in the Colony.

The proposed visit was accepted in principle by the meeting and it was decided to suggest to the TBA that they accept 80 per cent of the gate receipts in lieu of the HKBA footing the bill while the team was in the Colony.

Miss U. Khoo, Messrs R. Young, Z. Teak and R. M. Soars, were elected to serve on this interport sub-committee when a reply was received from the TBA.

The meeting also decided that leading Hongkong badminton players be invited to play in an hour and a half exhibition at the opening of the LRC new badminton court on September 22 at 7.30 p.m. The proposed matches will be men's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

The new clubs affiliated to the Association, as accepted by yesterday's meeting, were Tai Shet, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club, Tai Hang, Royal Air Force and Kowloon Cricket Club.

It was also decided at the meeting that entries for the 1955-56 Badminton League should be called for now. Entries with the names of players should be sent to Miss U. Khoo of Queen Mary Hospital, Closing date for entries is October 10.

League Soccer Results

London, Sept. 13. Association Football results:

LEAGUE III (NORTH)	
Carlisle United	1 Grimsby Town 2
Scottdale League Division "B"	
Scottdale League Division "B"	
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Scottdale League Division "B"	

THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



Zatopek To Run Against Pirie At Prague

Prague, Sept. 14. Gordon Pirie will meet Emil Zatopek, the Czech Olympic Champion, in both the 6,000 and 10,000 Metres in Britain's two-day athletics match beginning here today.

It was originally expected that Pirie would be in only for the 10,000 Metres—China Mail Special.

HOME RUGGER

London, Sept. 13. Rugby results: ROGBY UNION Gloucester 15, Wanderers 3. Pershore 3, Blackheath 3. ROGBY LEAGUE Batley 9, Hull 81. Halifax 32, Doncaster 14. Rotherham 0, Dewsbury 3.—Reuter.

LADIES' BOWLS RESULTS

Following are the results of the Colony Ladies' lawn bowls championships played yesterday.

Open Pairs: Mrs Baker and Mrs Hong, Sling (KCC) beat Mrs Bodley and Mrs Poynton (PRC) 26-12; Mrs Sequeira and Mrs Gaffney (KCC) beat Mrs Liddell and Mrs Rounsfell (KBGC), 23-12; Mrs Riley and Mrs Campbell (KCC) beat Mrs Edwards and Mrs Duffield (KCC), 20-12. Singles: Mrs Hetherington (KBGC) beat Mrs McLeod, 21-12.

MOSCOW'S DOYLE HAS HOOK THAT HURTS

Do Not Underestimate These Russian Boxers

Says GEORGE WHITING

Nikolai Nikivorov-Denisov, the burly ex-heavyweight now in supreme command of all the boxers of all the Russians, knocked another hole in the Iron Curtain. He has invited Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Russell, Hon. Secretary of the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur, to leave his London solicitor's practice for a fortnight to watch the Soviet Boxing Championship in Moscow from November 16-30.

"I shall certainly accept," Colonel Russell told me. "The Russians will be paying my fare and all expenses. In addition to their Championships in Moscow, they have invited me to visit Leningrad and Kiev."

He Runs His Stable On Military Lines

By R. Goodfellow

When Lady Zia Wernher's filly Meld won the £13,457 St Leger prize at Doncaster last week her tall and elegantly dressed trainer, Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort had amassed a total of £1,001,023 in prize money for his patrons since he began training in 1923.

As far as I know he is the first English racehorse trainer to top the million mark in prize money. He has won 882 races and has been leading trainer three times. He is almost certain to make this season his fourth as top trainer.

This 5ft. 3in. and handsome ex-Guards officer who has won the 1,000 Guineas three times, the Oaks twice, the Ascot Gold Cup twice, and the St Leger five times, is friend of Royalty and of many in all walks of the turf in Britain and in America.

He lives in one of those houses on the fabulous Bury Road at Newmarket. It is not a pretty house, being tall and square and rather forbidding.

ARMY STYLE

But inside it is homely and hospitable. Here the Queen and her mother have been known to have a picnic lunch in the drawing-room, when they have called to see the horses in the absence of Captain Boyd-Rochfort and his charming wife. His stable is run on military lines. Everything has to be "just so." And at early morning exercise, on the blast of a whistle, each horse is led out of his box and the "string" forms up to go on the Heath.

Captain Boyd-Rochfort's height and dignified bearing sometimes earn him the reputation for being aloof. But those who know him find him very easy to talk to.

I myself have marvelled at his patience in times which must have been very trying. One of the happiest days of his life was in July last year when he won the King George the Fifth and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot for the Queen with her colt Aureole.

I have seldom seen a man show greater pleasure than as he took off his hat and bowed to the Queen when she congratulated him.

Captain Boyd-Rochfort once said to me after one of his recent great triumphs: "You see, there's plenty of life in the old dog yet."

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"The Soviet boxing authorities have been both correct and co-operative since they joined the association, and took part with us in the Olympic Games in Helsinki, and the European Championships in Warsaw and Berlin."

"This latest invitation could do a lot for the sport. I am looking forward to the trip immensely."

FIRST TIME

So far as I am aware this is the first time the Russians have invited an official Western observer to watch them playing their own private games—as distinct from international and representative football matches, etc.

As a VIP of amateur sport, Colonel Russell will be shown plenty to interest him in the splendidly equipped, state-run gymnasium of Moscow—even if the crack boxers of Russia will no longer be mystery men by the time he makes his visit.

After October 12, when the Russians take on Britain's best amateurs at Wembley, quite a lot of people are going to have to revise their ideas about Soviet boxing being a plug-ugly conglomeration of hack, whack and smack.

As a European team, I would rate them second only to the Poles, several of whose amateurs could "lose" our second rate professionals over six rounds.

And it is none of my business that these Iron Curtain pugilists enjoy plenty of privileges, do not have to worry about wages while they are training, and would almost certainly be boxing commercially in any country where private enterprise is not considered a crime.

Having watched them perform in Warsaw two years ago, and again in Berlin this summer, I can attest that the Russians, neatly turned out in floral dressing gowns, red vests, and white trunks, boots and socks, are (a) strictly orthodox in what we are pleased to call the "English" style; (b) shrewd hitters, especially dangerous in the last half-minute of a round; (c) fit as fiddle; and (d) studiously correct in the courtesies of the ring.

DISSATISFACTION

In Berlin, only one Russian showed dissatisfaction at a verdict, and he was promptly told off by his seconds.

The Russians will not be picking their Wembley team just yet, but in the intervals of inspecting the ancient palaces of the Kremlin, with Wolverhampton Wanderers recently, I managed to pick up a hint or two on its likely composition from our interpreter.

He too, I suspect, found a discussion on boxing a relief after a two-hour tour round the relics of Ivan the Terrible.

The Russian Heavyweight is almost certain to be Algidias Scholzka, amateur Champion of Europe since 1953. A fitter by trade, Scholzka comes in at a little over 13st, favours a south-paw stance, is not the heaviest of punchers, but has dropped only nine decisions in 113 contests, and shoots a right lead straight as a gun barrel. In all honesty, I cannot see him losing at Wembley to Peter James of the Royal Navy.

Middleweight Genadi Schatkov, Russia's other European Champion, is the 24-year-old, mop-headed student who knocked Frank Hope over twice in Berlin, and then went on to subdue a Pole, a West German and a Swede. Bruce Wells, enjoying his usual advantage in height, should present him with rather different problems.

FAVOURITE

My own favourite among the Russian probabilities is their strikingly effective Lightweight Vladimir Jengibarjan, a radio operator with looks comparable to those of Jack Doyle and a hook that obviously hurts.

His losing Berlin semi-final to the brilliant Leszek Drogosz, of Poland, would have rated "Big fight" status in this country.

Repton's Reg Murray, I fear, will have need of all his now noted gallantry when he seeks to join the only 12 opponents to have beaten Jengibarjan in 117 bouts.

Featherweight Alexander Sasuchin, the snub-nosed fair-haired belligerent-looking schoolteacher who lost to Freddy Reardon in the 1952 Olympics, and to Tommy Nicholson in the Berlin final, is a smartie who waves his left hand in your face before hitting it, and tries occasionally to steal a punch after the bell.

DOUBTFUL

Sasuchin is not yet a certainty for Wembley. I was told in Moscow, but he has been receiving special coaching against the right-foot-forward, unorthodox of Champion Nicholson.

Finally, Bantamweight Johnny Cuthbert will require something much more lethal than his famous name when he steps in with engineer Boris Stepanov, runner-up for the European title this year.

My Berlin notes on Boris read: "Tallish, low-headed, throws his right hand from way back, strong finisher, slight signs of a temperament."

Having given me his ideas on the possible Russian line-up for Wembley, my Kremlin interpreter remarked:

"We punch, you punch, everybody shake hands. All is happy, all is good. No tears, no bad friends."

I hope so. (London Express Service.) (COPYRIGHT)



There are exhaust fumes wafting around in the Spot of Honour this week as we welcome these Army motor cyclists who took part in the very exciting gymkhana at Shatin on Sunday to the top of the Sports Parade.

Five military teams participated and finished high up in the awards lists of the three events on the programme.

The gymkhana which was once again staged by the Motor Sports Club of Hong Kong was a well organised show and it is known that the Club members and officials are most appreciative of the all out support given to their meetings by the Army's motor cyclists.

One of the most popular competitions run during the hot summer months has been the Inter-Unit Small Bore League. The standard of shooting, particularly among the League leaders, has been consistently good. This is well reflected in the fact that two units—Command Workshops HEME, and 6 COD have both broken the two-year-old record of the Wiltshire Regiment. By scoring 592 they have bettered the old record by 2.

WATER POLO DRAW

Water Polo comes bang into the news again with the announcement of the draw for the 1955 Land Forces Championships. Thirteen entries were received and the draw for the 1st Round has worked out as follows:—27 HAA Regt. RA, v. Lyceum Garrison, 7 Hussars v. HQRE; 1 Kings Own v. 6 COD; CPO v. 42 Fd. Regt. RA; HQ 27 Brigade v. 15 Med. Regt. RA.

Second Round games are listed as follows:—33 General Hospital v. RASC and District Workshops against the winners of 27 HAA Regt. RA and Lyceum Garrison. All First and Second Round games have to be completed by Monday September 19.

The semi-finals will be staged at Victoria Barracks Pool on Wednesday Sept. 21 at 4.30 pm and the Final will go on at the same venue the next day at 5 pm.

Games will be of 15 minutes each way, with such extra time above 5 minutes as is required to reach a result. Looks like some grand sport ahead.

Army cricketers have started getting their kit in order for the forthcoming season and some of them have even been coaxed lazy muscles back to smooth activity at the nets. This year the Army will have four teams playing in the Colony Leagues. Army South 'A' and Army North 'A' will be in the Senior Division, while South 'B' and North 'B' will be playing in the lower Division.

FOUR TEAMS

Four teams means that there will be plenty of opportunity for cricketers to get a game against good opposition and already there is every indication that there will be keen competition for places in various teams.

It is of course impossible at this stage to suggest the comparative strengths of the sides, either as against each other or against last season's eleven, but if enthusiasm in officials and players is any criterion then another fruitful season is assured.

South have been particularly active and after loosening-up practice at the nets they take to the wicket at Sookunpoo this afternoon when some 40 players will be in attendance to take part. These trial games will be repeated at Sookunpoo on Saturday 17th and Wednesday 21st and all of them will start at 2 p.m.

Saturday, September 24 has been set aside for a match in which the prospective players of the two South teams will take part. This game will also be played at Sookunpoo.

It is strange how the sports pendulum swings. Last season Army South were short of a good left arm slow bowler but according to several reports there are several very competent ones available in South territory this year. The big problem now will probably be where to fit them all in... but it's a pleasant sort of problem really.

Calling Army athletes. There is the prospect of a most interesting "meeting" ahead. It is reported that the Moscow authorities have made an approach to the Army and South China for both to take part in a triangular tournament in the Portuguese Colony towards the end of November.

This is a most attractive proposition and there seems little doubt that soldier athletes will view it with some enthusiasm. While it is not yet known what the official decision about the suggestion will be, I am told that it would be good advice to our athletes to tell them to start getting fit. Such a comment is a very encouraging sign, don't you think?

SWIMMING HEATS

The Hongkong Stage of the FARELF Swimming and Diving Championships has attracted a very good entry and the eliminating heats will take place at the Victoria Barracks Pool on Tuesday, September 20, starting at 1.30 p.m.

Three heats of the 400 Yards Free Style, three heats of the 100 Yards Backstroke, 4 heats of 100 Yards Free Style, 4 heats of 100 Yards Breast Stroke, 4 heats of 200 Yards Free Style together with 2 heats each in the 3 x 2 Lengths Medley Relay and 4 x 2 Lengths Free Style Relay will be staged.

Divers will also be in action and 26 of them will take part in the One Metre Spring Board and Five-Metre Firm Board elimination. On this occasion competitors will be allowed two optional dives which will not be repeated.

The Finals are scheduled for Friday, September 23, at 3 p.m. and the team to represent Hongkong in the FARELF Championships at Singapore on October 5 will be chosen immediately afterwards. The Hongkong team is expected to sail for Singapore on September 28.

Basketball has been out of this column for a long time but its return is in the form of a most important reminder to players and officials alike.

Entries for this season's Major and Minor Unit Leagues are due to reach the SQA at HQLE by Monday September 26. With memories of the popularity of last season's competition still fresh in most minds it is certain that the entry list will be a heavy one, and of course, we have important FARELF laurels to defend.

ACTIVITY

Travellers to the Sookunpoo area since last Saturday morning must have been impressed at the activity among the Army footballers who are now in hard training for the forthcoming season.

The squad is not as big as had been expected but the players are working with a will under the stern eye of regular coach, Sgt J. Tye and visiting coach Tom Sneddon of the Hongkong Football Association.

The programme is as strenuous as it is varied and residents in the upper levels must have been surprised yesterday to see a gang of husky young men on an early morning hill and rock climb.

The officials took the opportunity in a friendly game against the Police at Boundary Street on Sunday to try out some new players, but apart from Pte Tolfrey, RAOC, few of them did very much to catch the eye.

Tolfrey who played at right half showed plenty of spirit and is now in training with the other players at Sookunpoo. Both teams made changes at the interval in order to see as many players as possible and Police, who seem to have the makings of a good team, were good winners by 4 goals to 2.

Calling unit Rugby Officers. If you are looking for games to give your potential strength a chance to go into action, the Police Rugby Club has several free Wednesday evenings when they would like to arrange friendly games at Boundary Street.

These dates will be after October 12 and it is planned to start the games at 4.30 p.m.

If you are interested get in touch directly with Mr. D.A.R. Colbourne, Officer in Charge, Director of Criminal Investigation, Central Police Station, Hongkong.

Mr. Colbourne can also be contacted by telephone at 24622 Ext. 321.

The Italians Are Calling Her The New World's Sweetheart

By HENRY THODY

Rome. The Italians are calling her the new World's Sweetheart. The French see her as a refreshing antithesis to the hard-boiled Hollywood pin-ups. The film-fans of farther realms have yet to meet the lady.

"The Sweetest Girl in Creation," Italy's slender, doe-eyed lovely-to-look-at Antonella Lualdi is wafting like a welcome breath of pine-scented air-conditioning into the stale movie atmosphere of temperamental, tempestuous and too-often-married stars.

Lovely young Antonella is the most-proposed-to-girl in Italy. Two hundred proposals of marriage a week. But she is heavily dated with one man. Her romance, her first, is the talk of the hour among Italian film-fans.

Italy's favourite screen lover has a crush on Antonella that is too apparent to be anything but real. He is lean, wiry, dark and handsome Franco Interlenghi.

CLASSICAL BEAUTY

Antonella's mother is a Greek, which explains her classical beauty. She was educated in a French school in Beirut, where her Italian father was an engineer. That amalgam of Greek, mother, Italian father and French schooling has produced an extraordinarily beautiful, charming and cultured young lady.

She is a natural beauty who needs no assistance from the make-up man's magic. Her features are sculptured. Her dazzling white smile demonstrates why she was once Italy's toothpaste girl. Her lips are full and soft. Her body is willowy, with long slim legs, and it is shapely in the right places.

When I met her she was dressed, for a film role, in a cheap red cotton blouse, plaid skirt and black patent leather belt around her 24-inch waist; but looked what she was—a sweet and lovely person with all the class of a Grace Kelly.

Her eyes are the most expressive I have ever seen; dark, fathomless, yet commanding the sympathy of every male in her audience and most of the feminine element too.

I met her on the set of a noisy Roman film studio. She seemed strangely out of place against the background shouts of "Silenzio! Silenzio!" At 23 she still looks sweet 17, and although a star already in Italy and in France she is yet extremely shy. She blushes when a strange man (such as a newspaperman like me) speaks to her.

Nevertheless she bubbles with life. She loves to kick off her shoes and dance a gay Spanish flamenco, which she learned while filming in Madrid. She figures-skates, too. She loves canasta. She collects antiques. She does not care for night-clubs, cocktail parties, or the international film set that gathers nightly in Rome's luxury hotels. "They just bore me," she says.

ONLY ONE IDEA

How did she get into the movies? Antonella's mother had only one idea for her daughter—to teach her to run a home, then hope she would find a good husband. Antonella learned to cook; to be the perfect housewife right enough, the submissive old-fashioned maiden.

But suddenly she rebelled. "I got fed up around the house. A girl-friend said I had the looks to be a movie actress. She persuaded me to give her a new portrait of myself which mother had taken of me. She sent it to a famous film producer. He rang me up and asked to see me, then gave me a film test. He liked it and offered me a part in a film. It was as simple as that."

But Antonella did not become a star overnight. She had to play many small roles. In fact,

Antonella first became famous as a poster girl, and not as a film actress. Her face became known throughout Italy as the smiling girl who advertised dentifrice.

But Antonella today is an accomplished young actress, a hard worker, conscientious and popular. She supports her mother, two brothers and a small sister now that her father is dead. Her many recent hits include "Overcoat," "Three Forbidden Tales," "Men Are Rascals," "The Tale Of The Poor Lovers," and "Adorable Creatures," made in Paris with Danielle Darrieux and Martine Carol.

Among the millions of Italians who have "fallen" for Antonella is the aforementioned Franco Interlenghi. At the end of the war, he was discovered by Italy's top director-actor, Vittorio De Sica, who was scouring Italian schools looking for the right youngster to play the shoe-shine boy in a film of that name he was about to direct. De Sica found Franco as he kicked his toes in the dust, reluctantly making his way to school.

OBSCURITY

Several years of obscurity followed Franco's success in "Shoe-Shine," but he fought his way back into the limelight and the film world via the repertory theatre.

He fell in love with Antonella Lualdi on the screen before he ever met her. Finally he got a part in a film with her. The script called for him to kiss Antonella. One evening he asked her to go to the cinema with him.

"After a hard day in a film studio you want to go to a cinema? For heaven's sake, why?" she asked him.

"Perhaps in the darkness of the cinema we could practise that kiss scene," he suggested.

"Any practising necessary will be done on the set in the presence of the director," she coldly informed him.

Franco tried hard to win her heart, but, though they worked in films together for months, she remained cool towards him. Then one day, at the Venice Film Festival, he was photographed walking hand-in-hand with a beautiful Spanish star.

A magazine used the picture on its front cover. Franco showed a copy to Antonella. When she saw it she exploded with rage, tore the magazine across and stamped on it. "You cheat!" she accused.

"But you never showed you knew I existed," Franco protested.

"Which does not give you the right," Antonella retorted furiously, "to make a fool of yourself with that—that woman!"

Shortly afterwards Franco and Antonella announced their engagement. I asked her when she expects to get married. She blushed, and said they hadn't fixed the date yet. Then we talked of her latest film, appropriately entitled "There Is No Greater Love."

She and Franco appear together in the film. They marry and raise a family. "And that is just what I dream of doing in real life," said Antonella in a sudden rush of confidence. "You know, the cinema has been good to me. It made me a star. It has given me every comfort in life. Best of all, it has given me the man I love."

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Swimming
Colony Swimming Championships
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Tennis
Colony Mixed Doubles, semi-finals.
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FRIDAY
Tennis
HKCYC meeting at Hong Nin Bank Building, 7 p.m.
Tennis
Colony Mixed Doubles, Final.
Colony Men's Singles, semi-final.
Inter Hong Handicap, Club Men's Singles, Club Men's Handicap.

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BRITISH POLICE REINFORCE CYPRUS GARRISON

Nicosia, Sept. 13.
A number of British
police officers, some with
Palestine police experience,
are coming here soon to
reinforce the Cyprus police
force in its all-out fight
against terrorism on the
island.

They are to help to or-
ganise and streamline com-
munications, planning and
operational departments, to
train auxiliary police and to
start a mobile anti-terrorist
squad on the lines of the
mobile reserve in Palestine.

British Army officers now
serving in the Suez Canal
Zone are among the ap-
plicants for those senior
police posts.

Over the last few weeks, this
Colony has donned a cloak of
security precautions without
precedent in its history, in
peace-time.

This has been necessitated by
seven months of intense po-
litical turmoil, highlighted by
sporadic bursts of demonstra-
tions, rioting, sedition and
terrorist outrages.
Many Cyprus residents and
other Britons living abroad who
have nevertheless an intimate
knowledge of the island and its
chaos, are still finding it dif-
ficult to believe that the series
of events which have shattered
the good name of "peaceful
Cyprus" have indeed taken
place.

475 Tried

Since the beginning of Janu-
ary, Cyprus courts have tried
no less than 475 Greek Cypriots,
of whom 97 were sentenced to
terms of imprisonment totalling
114 years, 214 were fined
various sums totalling £198
and a further 104 bound over
in sums totalling over £6,000.

The charges on which these
people were sentenced ranged
from taking part in unlawful
assemblies and the possession
of seditious leaflets, to smugg-
ling arms and explosives into
Cyprus, sabotaging Govern-
ment and military property,
rioting, and promoting civil
war on the island.

Dozens of other Greek
Cypriots, similarly charged, are
at present awaiting trial. Nearly
70 more are detained under
the Colony's recent 18B law
which empowers the authorities
to detain suspected terrorists
without trial.

As in Palestine during the
last few years of the Mandate,
unrest and terrorism in Cyprus
have a political motive. They
are instigated by the Greek
community as part of their
campaign for Enosis—Union
with Greece.

Five Aspects

The task of the security
forces in Cyprus today has five
closely related aspects:

1. To keep an unceasing
vigil on 450 miles of ragged
coastline to prevent attempts to
smuggle arms and explosives
from abroad.
2. To keep alert throughout
the island against terrorist raids
on police stations, vital mili-
tary installations and British
families.
3. To organise islandwide
security checks and patrols,
sealing off major towns and
villages and screening passen-
gers of all cars entering and
leaving them.
4. To search villages and
suspected houses in the towns
for arms and explosives.
5. To protect public buildings
and Government offices against
bombs, grenades and sabotage.

The main brunt of this task
has so far been borne by the
expanded and reorganised po-
lice force under the command
of Mr George Robins. It is be-
ing assisted by the Auxiliary
Police formed recently, and the
Special Constabulary.

But British forces based in
Cyprus are taking an increas-
ingly important part in island-
wide security work. Apart from
their job of protecting Britain's
Middle East Land and Air
Headquarters based on the
island since last December, Bri-
tish forces are helping the
police in three vital ways:

a. Troops are often called in
to conduct large scale searches
to man road blocks and screen
traffic on highways all over
Cyprus. It has already been
announced that troops in large
numbers are to be called in to
implement an island-wide curfew
if and when imposed.

b. The Royal Air Force is
helping by keeping ceaseless
vigil over Cyprus territorial
waters, and well beyond, for
any suspicious craft, possibly
carrying guns and explosives
for the terrorist movement in
Cyprus. It was a Royal Air
Force fighter which first spotted
the gun-running catamaran St
George last January and alert-
ed the security forces ashore.

Mounting Security

c. Four fast gunboats of the
Royal Navy are based at
Famagusta. They keep regular
patrols in Cyprus coastal waters
ready to pounce on any gun-
running boats which may lurk
in territorial waters for a sud-
den dash to the shore during
hours of darkness.

The ever-mounting network
of security has inevitably re-
sulted in a drop in the island's
business, a reduction in tourist
traffic, and a distinct dwindle
in the prosperous night life of
the principal towns.

Regular business visitors to
Cyprus are now getting accus-
tomed to the ever-prevalent
pattern of barred wire which
surrounds all Government build-
ings and police stations.—China
Mail Special.



700 Homeless In
Italian Village

A-Proving Ground Preparation

Melbourne, Sept. 13.
More than 80 construction
workers have begun work to
prepare the new Maralinga
proving ground for atomic wea-
pon tests late next year.

It is expected that the work
force may be doubled by Christ-
mas, building an airstrip, roads
and houses.

The Kwinana Construction
Company has been given a £5-
800 contract to build a per-
manent township at Maralinga
to house scientific and mainte-
nance staffs.

Maralinga is situated north
of the trans-continental railroad
and is reached through the rail-
town of Watson.—United Press.

Heavy rains following a
cloudburst over the Italian
village of San Sebastiano
washed down an avalanche of
stones resulting in this scene
of devastation. Four people
were killed and 700 rendered
homeless. Here a casualty
is carried from the rubble to
receive medical attention.—
Express Photo.

Big Blow Up In Kenya

Nairobi, Sept. 13.
The Kenya authorities have
decided to destroy the powder-
works they are sitting on before it
blows up.

The Defence Minister an-
nounced today that inspectors
will destroy hundreds of
thousands of rounds of ammu-
nition which has deteriorated
and may explode at any time.
The ammunition had been
turned over to and stored by
the Kenya Police, to keep it
from falling into the hands of
the Mau Mau terrorists.—
France-Press.

Collaboration Sentence Upheld

Washington, Sept. 13.
The Army said today an
Army Review Board has up-
held a sentence of 2½ years at
hard labour for Cpl Harold M.
Dunn, who pleaded guilty to
collaboration with the enemy
while a prisoner of war in
Korea.

Dunn pleaded guilty at his
Court Martial on June 28 at Fort
Jay, Governors Island, New
York.

He was originally sentenced
to eight years at hard labour,
dishonourable discharge and
forfeiture of all pay and allow-
ances.

Lieut-Gen. Thomas W. Herren,
Commanding General of the 1st
Army, on August 20 reduced
the time at hard labour to 2½
years.—United Press.

'GREEN FACE PHANTOM'

San Juan Spends Jittery Fortnight

San Juan, Trinidad, Sept. 13.
This busy market town, a few miles west of
Port of Spain, the capital of Trinidad, is
recovering from a jittery fortnight caused by an
imaginary phantom.

The phantom, described as having "a green
face and galvanised finger-nails," was credited
with a series of exploits which made newspaper
headlines and created a state of terror among the
thousands of inhabitants of the town.

It all started when Vilma La
Borde, a 9-year-old girl report-
ed to the police that her hair
had been cut by an unknown
man while she was asleep. Three
days later, she reported that
this had again happened and
said that the hair-cutting had
been done by "a green faced
man."

The story spread like wildfire.
The green-faced phantom which
was credited with responsibility for
everyday mishaps. Terror
spread.

Women huddled together near
their children when darkness
set in and talked in muted
whispers, while their menfolk,
between sips of warming rum,
patrolled the town in search of
the marauder. In vigilante
bands, armed with the cutlasses
used for cutting sugar cane,
sticks, and other weapons.

Statement

There was even talk of
evacuating the children from the
town and some were actually
sent to stay with relatives in
other parts of the island.
The police assiduously in-
vestigated every report made to
them and issued a statement to
dispel the "extension of the
atmosphere of hysteria and
panic."

They described the two in-
cidents in which Vilma said
that she had had her hair
clipped as being "undoubtedly
capable of simple explanation." But
the explanation is still
awaited.

The story of the green-faced
phantom adds yet another to
the many fantastic tales which
have from time to time gripped
these superstitious islanders.

Story Spread

As the story spread round the
town, the donkey was credited
with having a gold tooth and
one version went so far as to
say that gold wristlet watch was
strapped round one of its
forelegs.

The superstitious were ready
with their explanation. The
Chinese shopkeeper had turned
into a donkey. The donkey was
"arrested" by the townspeople
and taken to San Fernando, the
southern capital about 25 miles
away, to the northeast. Crowds
followed. When the donkey was
turned over to the police in
San Fernando, thousands were
watching.

There was talk of removing
the donkey to police headquar-
ters in Port of Spain—when
the Chinese shopkeeper re-
appeared with his gold tooth and
his gold wristlet watch intact.
The donkey went back to work.

Only in February of this
year, while Princess Margaret
was touring the West Indies, a
19-year-old youth was found
lying unconscious in a clump
of bamboo about two miles from
the hamlet of Gasparillo, near
Point-a-Pierre, some miles
north of San Fernando.

When he recovered, he said
that he was walking along a
lonely road early in the morn-
ing when he heard a rustling
sound. The chill air grew warm-
er and "a highly-petted
lady dressed in red" appeared
near him. As she moved off, he
tried to catch up with her, but
he was overcome with drow-
ziness and lay down on the
ground.

He had a dream that I was
with the lady in a beautiful
modern building," he declared.
Old women in Gasparillo said
that he was extremely lucky to
have been found. They told him
that if he had looked carefully,
he would have seen that the
feet of the lady in red were
turned backwards. If he had
not been found, they said, the
lady in red would have kept
him living in a dream-state of
hazy until he died of starva-
tion.

A little more than four
months earlier, a charcoal-
burner working in a lonely
section of the Guapo forest at
La Brea, west of San Fernando,
reported seeing a phantom
figure—100 hours after he had
passed out through shock.

He said that he heard a clank-
ing of chains and groans and
after sounds of movement in
some nearby bushes, there
emerged the "tallest and
strangest man" he had ever
seen.

Left Note

"His eyes burned, and his
hair was at least two feet long,"
the charcoal burner explained.
"His arms and legs were
covered with hair."

He advanced on the charcoal
burner who only recovered after
being carried home uncon-
scious.

Ending this as it began, in
San Juan, there is the story of
the 18-year-old secondary
schoolboy named Dase who, in
September of last year, dis-
appeared from home, leaving be-
hind a note telling his parents
not to worry unduly as he
would be back.

The note explained that in
searching for his education he
had become so obsessed with his
Bible studies that he had
decided to go into the forest to
pray for 40 days "and
highly as Christ had done."

Dase was found safely in a
clump of bamboo by hunters
searching the forest by the aid
of a search dog. He was a
very pale, thin, and nervous
and a hymnary of the United
Church of Canada.

Even when he had been taken
home, he continued to say "for
three days" and nights—China
Mail Special.

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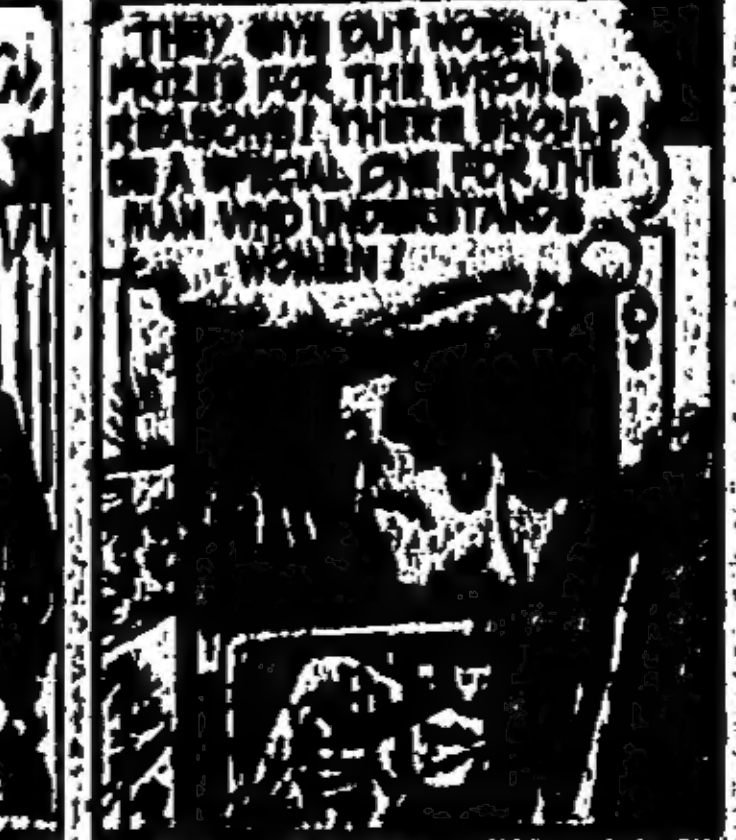
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